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Greenable Topic

Composting & Yard Waste

What should I know?

- ✓ A 5,000 sq. ft. lawn can generate about 75 lbs of grass clippings! Grasscycling (mowing higher) and not bagging those clippings, creates a natural way to have a healthy lawn while managing grass clippings instead of hauling them to a landfill.
- ✓ Average households may produce up to 650 lbs of compostable materials yearly, equivalent to over 1,000 lbs of CO₂ if sent to a landfill. Composting reduces waste, acts as fertilizer, and creates healthy soil for grass & plants.

Why is it important?

- ✓ During rain events fertilizers can run-off lawns into storm drains and ultimately end up in waterways causing impaired water quality. Grasscycling and composting provides nutrient rich benefits for lawns without environmental harm.
- ✓ Discarded food sent to landfills leads to increases in harmful atmospheric greenhouse gases. Composting helps to recycle nutrient rich materials found in food, and gives a second life to these once discarded items.

How can I get involved?

- ✓ Composting is easier than you think! Food scraps and yard waste make up almost 30% of what is typically thrown away. Learn how you can compost at: <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/composting-home>
- ✓ Mow high & Mulch! Adjust the mower height to leave your lawn 3-3½ inches long.

Reminders!

- ✓ April 22nd, 2021 is Earth Day!
- ✓ Saturday, May 1st is Woodbridge Township's Earth Day Celebration from 9am - 1pm at Town Hall's parking lot! Learn more about the excitement at: www.twp.woodbridge.nj.us